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APPROPRIATE AVOIDED COST)
DISCOUNT FOR VERIZON NEW)
ENGLAND, INC. D/B/A/ VERIZON)
MASSACHUSETTS' RESALE SERVICES)
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF)
MASSACHUSETTS)
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APPLICATION FOR LIMITED PARTICIPANT STATUS BY
NEW ENGLAND CABLE TELEVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §1.03, the New England Cable Television Association, Inc. ("NECTA") hereby requests to be designated as a limited participant in the referenced Docket.

1. The name and address of the applicant for limited participant status in this Docket is:

New England Cable Television Association, Inc.

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2. NECTA is a six-state regional association that represents cable television companies and their affiliates throughout New England, including those with cable television systems in Massachusetts.

3. In this Docket, the Department is reviewing and recalculating the rates charged by Verizon for unbundled network elements ("UNEs") and combinations thereof, and for resale of Verizon's services. The pricing that the Department will apply to Verizon's UNE and resale offerings pursuant to the proceedings that will be held in this docket will affect, directly or indirectly, all of NECTA's members or affiliates that are or will be in the future be engaged in the provision of telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a representative of companies that may be seeking access to UNEs or resold services from Verizon and may compete for telecommunications customers against Verizon itself and companies that will rely on Verizon's UNE or resold services, NECTA will be substantially and specifically affected by the Department's review and decision in this docket.

4. NECTA's members or affiliates engaged in telecommunications activities typically do not rely predominantly on UNEs or resold services to serve customers. Consequently, NECTA has not elected to seek party status and, instead, requests to be designated as a limited participant with full rights to participate in this proceeding through the presentation, if necessary, of oral or written comments and legal argument. NECTA also reserves the right to request leave from the hearing officer to participate in prehearing discovery and cross-examination of witnesses and to present such evidence should such additional activities be required.

5. NECTA is qualified to participate as a limited participant. NECTA has participated as a party or limited participant in numerous telecommunications dockets in Massachusetts and other New England states, including several dockets that have addressed UNE and

resale service pricing issues. NECTA's participation as an limited participant in this Docket will protect, in an efficient manner, the interests of those CATV companies with franchises in Massachusetts or their affiliates engaged in telecommunications services that do not otherwise seek party or limited participant status.

6. Please also add to the Service List and enter on behalf of NECTA in this Docket the appearances of:

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, NECTA respectfully requests that it be granted the status of limited participant in this Docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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